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For : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE TYPE FLUID TREATMENT DEVICE

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- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-173527 A, and
- (2) European Patent Publication No. 0 306 613 A1, and patent family members U.S. Patent No. Re. 33,932 and U.S. Patent No. 4,620,965.

Applicants note that the above-noted document (1) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 15, 2006, and thus a copy of this document is not enclosed herewith.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Search Report.

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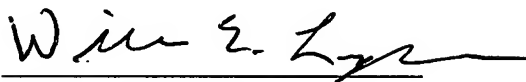
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document (2) is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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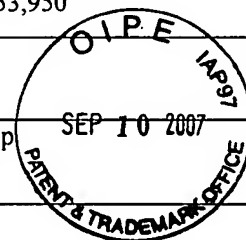
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